and in cutting them down the wines are destroyed. The Forest Department should be prohibited altogether from cutting trees in *kans*, as their utility is destroyed by the removal of trees.

Reply of Government.—Until the question regarding reservation of occupied *kans* is finally decided, the Forest Department will be directed not to cut any trees in occupied *kans*.

SUBJECT No. 196.

New State Reserves in the malnad.

Messrs. Bhaskar Rao, Shimoga District Board, C. Vamana Rao, Mylarappa and Basappa, Nagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As the existing allotment of grazing lands, Soppinabettas, and district forests is insufficient to meet the requirements of the villagers, the proposals for the formation of new State Reserves inclusive of occupied *kans* may be kindly put a stop to in the malnad taluks. The remarks made by Mr. Pilkington in his last year's address to the Dewan during the session of the Assembly apply to all malnad taluks.

Reply of Government.—Occupied *kans* have to be treated as enclosures when they are within the limits of the State Forests. All the rights are recorded by the Settlement Officer and they will be noted in the *Khetvar* also.

SUBJECT No. 197.

Seigniorage on fuel.

Messrs. Venkatasamiah and Doraswamy Iyengar, Chamrajnagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The license fee on wood brought from forests has been raised from 4 to 8 annas in the case of a cart and 2 to 4 annas in the case of *vaddarabandi*. Pray that the former rates only may be levied, as fuel is an article of every-day consumption.

Reply of Government.—A report will be called for from the Conservator.

SUBJECT No. 198.

Removal of fuel without payment.

(1) Messrs. C. Vaman Rao, Mylarappa and Basappa, Nagar taluk
(2) Mr. A. Narasimhiengar, Sagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.— (1) The Order of Government conveyed in their Proceedings No. R. 600-603—Ft. 149-11-3, dated 27th July 1912 *re* the removal of dead-wood as fuel from the malnad forests leaves a doubt as to whether green wood removed as fuel is subject to the payment of seigniorage. The conditions of weather in the malnad in the rainy season require each house-holder to store a sufficient quantity of fuel to last for the whole season. As dead-wood is not procurable in sufficiently large quantities, the raiyats are obliged to get green wood from the forests as a matter of necessity. There are no professional fuel contractors in the malnad. It is therefore prayed that permission may be granted for the removal of green wood for fuel for domestic consumption in the malnad, free of seigniorage.

(2) The non-agriculturists in the malnad are at present required to pay a seigniorage of 4 annas per cart-load of fuel. The number of such persons in the malnad,

and the revenue realized thereby are very small. It is therefore prayed that non-agriculturists in the malnad may be exempted from payment of seigniorage on fuel like the agriculturists.

Reply of Government.—(1) Under the rules jungle-wood may be felled for fuel free of seigniorage and therefore green wood is also included under it.

(2) The seigniorage in such cases will be reduced to half the present rate.

SUBJECT No. 199.

Reduction of fee on dead-wood.

Mr. Sahukar Doddamallanna, Sira taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A fee of six annas is now levied on a cart-load of dead-wood brought from State Forests. This is too high; it may be reduced to four annas.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 200.

Fuel to raiyats.

Messrs. Devana Siddaiya, Gurulingappa and Hallappa, Honnali taluk.

Summary of discussion.—For want of fuel in several localities, cattle-dung is being used at present for fuel. As this deprives the agricultural lands of valuable manure, steps may be taken for the supply of fuel to raiyats at cheap rates. In Karadibetta Forest fuel required for boiling jaggory is allowed to be taken at 2 annas a cart-load. The same concession may be allowed in other State Forests in the Shikarpur taluk.

Reply of Government.—Seigniorage on fuel required for jaggory boiling will be reduced to 2 annas.

SUBJECT No. 201.

Free grant of timber to persons whose houses are destroyed by accidental fires.

(1) Mr. Nadig Siddappa, Honnali taluk.
(2) Messrs. Sanganabasappa, Shikarpur taluk, and Ramani Channavirappa, Shikarpur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Free grants of timber are now made to persons whose houses are destroyed by accidental fires. As thatched houses in rural parts are generally constructed of inflamable materials, facilities may be afforded for constructing tiled houses by supplying suitable timber and recovering the cost by instalments.

(2) Several people whose houses are destroyed by accidental fires persist in constructing only thatched houses although free grants of timber are made. Such houses being constructed of easily combustible materials again catch fire. It is desirable to insist in such cases on the construction of tiled houses, the required wood and tiles being granted and the cost recovered in ten annual instalments.

Reply of Government.—Loans may be obtained under the rules for rebuilding houses destroyed by fire. No compulsion can be exercised.

SUBJECT, No. 202.

Bandari stalks to be granted free.

Mr. Sahukar Doddamallanna, Sira taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The *bandari* stalks are not used except for fencing. A fee is now levied for cutting them. This may be granted free from State Forests.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.